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1. WHEN I SAW YOU IN WASHINGTON LAST SEPTEMBER, I SAID I WOULD GET DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH YOU WHENEVER A MATTER AROSE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SPAIN WHICH I FELT WARRANTED YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION. SUCH A PROBLEM HAS ARISEN IN THE FORM OF A US BAN ON YELLOWFIN TUNA IMPORTS FROM SPAIN. THIS BAN WAS IMPLEMENTED ON NOV. 1 DESPITE WRITTEN ASSURANCES FROM THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IN MID-OCTOBER THAT IT WILL REQUIRE SPANISH FISHERMEN TO ADHERE TO REGULATIONS OF THE INTERAMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA CONVENTION (IATTC) WHEN FISHING IN WATERS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

2. THIS HAS BECOME AN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY ITS ASSURANCES ARE IGNORED AND, QUITE FRANKLY, NEITHER DO I. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD GIVE THIS PROBLEM YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION WITH A VIEW TO LIFTING THE EMBARGO ON SPANISH YELLOWFIN TUNA.

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